REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, and 99 are presently pending in the application.

The even numbered claims between 2 and 100 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by this amendment and entry after an Ex Parte Quayle action is deemed proper and respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has allowed all of the odd numbered claims between 1 and 99. The remaining claims, which were withdrawn from consideration, have now been cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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